

Remarks

The Examiner has required under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372 that Applicants elect a single disclosed invention from Group A, claims 15-21, a gradient transfer device; and Group B, claims 22-28, a chromatography method. (Office communication, page 2.) Applicants elect, without traverse, Group A, a gradient transfer device, encompassing claims 15-21.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that a full and complete Reply has been made to the outstanding Office Communication and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

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